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For : BAND SAW MACHINE, SAW BLADE INSTALLATION METHOD
IN BAND SAW MACHINE, SAW BLADE DRIVING METHOD,
AND CUTTING METHOD

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND RESPONSE TO
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In response to the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement of June 4, 2008, in which a one-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 7, 2008 (July 4, 2008 falling on a Federal holiday and July 5, 2008 falling on a Saturday), Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group III (as identified by the Examiner), comprising claims 8-12 and 13-17, and the species identified as Species d (as identified by the Examiner), upon which claims 8, 12, 13 and 17 are readable (as identified by the Examiner). Such election is made with traverse for the reasons as set forth in detail hereinbelow.

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